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In re Patent Application of

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For: BALL SCREW AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING A SPINDLE NUT, IN

PARTICULAR OF A BALL SCREW

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend the application as follows:

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

_____ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

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CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by

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the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

- 1. $\sqrt{}$ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
- 2. ___ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
- 3. $\underline{\hspace{0.1cm}}$ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
- 4. $\sqrt{}$ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.